

Remarks

Favorable review is requested in view of the following remarks. Claims 15 and 16 have been cancelled and claim 13 has been amended. Claims 1 – 7, 9 – 14, and 17 – 27 are pending in the application. Entry of the above amendment to claim 13 is respectfully requested because the Applicants are merely adopting the Examiner's suggestion by adding limitations from previously objected to claims 15 and 16. Claims 15 and 16 were found to contain allowable subject matter, but were objected to because they depended from a rejected claim.

Interview Summary

Examiner Magee and Charles Jacobson, Applicants' representative, conducted a teleconference on July 25, 2006. Examiner Magee and Charles Jacobson discussed potential claim language.

Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 13, 14, and 17 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Berding et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,370,715). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection, and respectfully request reconsideration in view of the following comments.

Claim 13 has been amended to include limitations from allowable claims 15 and 16. Claim 13 requires that the second and third planes are at an angle less than 90° from the first plane or the second and third planes are at an angle greater than 90° from the first plane. Thus, withdrawal of the rejection is requested.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants gratefully acknowledge that claim 1 – 7, 9 – 12, and 19 – 27 were allowed and that claims 15, 16, and 18 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Conclusion

In view of the comments presented herein, favorable reconsideration in the form of a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested. If any further questions should arise, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' representative at the number listed below.

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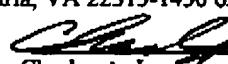
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